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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended to and through June 8, 2004 by the accompanying petition and payment of the appropriate fee.